

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
January 8, 2019**



ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Adam Munguia; Selectman Tom Dwyer, Mike Yergeau. Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge; Executive Secretary Joyce Blanchard; Bob Jordan was excused. Cody Belanger arrived late.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Munguia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Epping Town Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 28, 2018 Selectmen's meeting was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to accept the minutes of December 28, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 2-0-1. Selectman Munguia abstained.

BUSINESS

FINAL REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES

Articles 10, 11 & 12: Chairman Adam Munguia read Article 10, 11 and 12 for discussion. Road Agent Dave Reinhold explained the 2 old trucks keep breaking down. He believes that all these trucks are needed for his department to run efficiently. Taking Article 12 off the warrant was discussed.

Motion by Selectman Munguia to remove Article 12 from the warrant articles. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0.

7:15 PUBLIC HEARING

Selectman Munguia read the public hearing notice regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade for the purpose of replacing the membranes and the ancillary equipment along with the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade referring to Articles 7 & 8.

Selectman Munguia opened the Public Hearing for public comments, as there were none, he then closed the Public Hearing.

Selectman Belanger arrived late apologizing for being tardy as it was his nephews 4th Birthday.

FINAL REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES con't

Article 13 & 14 These articles have already been approved with no discussion needed.

Article 15: Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge clarified Article 15 was a new article. Fire Chief Donald DeAngelis explained the Safety Facility Canopy Roof evolved from a conversation with the Joint Loss Committee meeting. There is a danger of snow and ice falling off the roof. This would be constructed over the police department sidewalk to protect pedestrians from any falling debris. Discussion continued regarding the price and the possibility of waiting for next year for another big money item.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to not include this warrant article. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

Article 16: Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund: Article 16 needed a revote due to being reworded. Selectman Belanger asked for clarification on the article. Finance Director Lisa Fogg explained this is to pay for retirements. There should be \$200,000 in this fund.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to recommend Article 16 Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

Article 17 Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund: Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge suggested the Selectmen might want to increase the amount in Article 17. The Fire Escape will need work and emergency fixes should be funded. Air conditioning has been requested in the meeting room and a donation from the McGeoughs for sound proofing the room has been set aside. There were no changes to Article 17.

Articles 18-25: These articles have already been approved with no discussion needed.

Article 26: will be discussed later in the meeting.

Article 27: Discontinue Portion of "Old" South Side Road: This article is a housekeeping issue. The Town of Epping doesn't want to use the old road again as the state road 27 runs through it. The article has been reviewed by town counsel.

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to recommend Article 27. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-0-1. Selectman Belanger abstained with no vested interest, he hasn't researched the article.

Article 28: Amendment to Noise Ordinance: Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge wrote this amendment to the Noise Ordinance in response to a resident's complaint regarding a rooster crowing in the neighborhood all day and night. The general consensus was positive to the amendment but the wording needs to be improved.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to remove this warrant article. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

Article 29: By Petition: Rockingham Community Action

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to recommend Article 29, Rockingham Community Action. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 4-0.

Article 30: By Petition: Chamber Children's Fund

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to recommend Article 30, Chamber Children's Fund. Seconded by Selectman Yergeau. Motion carried 3-1. Selectman Belanger voted nay.

Article 31: By Petition: Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program

Motion by Selectman Belanger to recommend Article 31, Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

Article 32: By Petition: Richie McFarland Children's Center

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to recommend Article 32, Richie McFarland Children's Center. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 3-1. Selectman Belanger voted nay.

Article 33: By Petition: Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program

Motion by Selectman Yergeau to recommend Article 33, Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 3-1. Selectman Belanger voted nay.

Article 34: By Petition: Right to Decide Resolution

Motion by Selectman Belanger to have no statement/words/printing to recommend by the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. After a lengthy discussion and comments by the Board of Selectmen and Representative Vallone a vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0 to have no comment.

Article 26: Dissolving Water and Sewer Commission

After a lengthy discussion of the pro's and con's regarding the Water and Sewer Commission versus the Board of Selectmen managing and controlling the water and sewer system there was no change to the vote.

Article : Department of Public Works Engineer

Hiring an Engineer for the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$120,000 was discussed but there was no action taken.

RENTAL OF TOWN FACILITIES

Rental of the meeting room on January 22, 7 pm – 9 pm by the Melling Glen Condo Association was submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Belanger to approve the rental of the meeting room on January 22, 7 pm – 9 pm by the Melling Glen Condo Association. Seconded by Selectman Dwyer. Motion carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge stated the Annual Town Report information should be in by Friday. If the Board has any comments please let him know. The pictures for the cover was taken by Jim Rogier and he has given us permission to use them.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge said the next meeting is Jan 14th which is next Monday. The Town Report Picture will be taken before the meeting.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge reported the warrant will be ready for signatures on Monday.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge announced the Public Hearing for the town budget will be held Wednesday, Jan 9th. Mr. Dodge encouraged all the department heads to attend in case of questions.

Town Administrator Gregory C. Dodge told everyone it was very slippery outside.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Belanger

Selectman Belanger announced his nephews 4th Birthday is today.

Selectman Yergeau

No Report

Selectman Dwyer

No Report

Selectman Munguia

Selectman Munguia spent all day in Concord today looking out for the town regarding the gas lines.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Dwyer to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Belanger. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Blanchard
Executive Secretary

Adam Munguia, Chairman

Thomas Dwyer, Selectman

Michael Yergeau, Selectman

Cody Belanger, Selectman

Dated: January 14, 2019